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Abstract

The invention relates to a control system (1) for a motor vehicle, having a manual actuating means (3) with a plurality of degrees of freedom of adjustment for selecting and/or activating entries in a menu structure with a plurality of menu levels and a screen display (2) having a plurality of display areas for displaying the menu structure, the display areas each comprising at least one field for displaying one of the entries. According to the invention at least two degrees of freedom of adjustment of the manual actuating means (3) move a cursor in order to select and/or activate one of the entries in an active display area, a first degree of freedom of adjustment corresponding to a rotational movement of the manual actuating means (3) in the clockwise direction about a z axis which is perpendicular to the xy plane, a second degree of freedom of adjustment corresponding to a rotational movement of the manual actuating means (3) in the counter clockwise direction about a z axis which is perpendicular to the xy plane, and a direction of movement of the cursor in the active display area which is brought about by the first and/or second degree of freedom of adjustment of the manual actuating means (3) being dependent on the orientation of the entries displayed in the active display area.

(Figure 1)